GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:112
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2006
ERADICATION OF LEPROSY
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of leprosy patients during the last three years, State- wise, year-wise;

(b) whether funds allocated for leprosy have decreased over the years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the target fixed by the Government for eradication of leprosy in the country; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 112 FOR 29TH NOVEMBER, 2006

The details about new cases detected and cases on record at the end of year, State-wise and year-wise, are annexed.
Year-wise funds allocated and released to states during the 10th Plan (2002- 07) is given below:-

(Rs. In Crore)

Year	Fund allocation (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual release
2002-03	75.00	75.00	74.97
2003-04	74.20	54.97	50.22
2004-05	55.00	42.84	42.34
2005-06	41.75	28.32	23.46
2006-07	42.25	38.36	24.59

(As on 31.10.06)

The funds released to the states have marginally declined over the years and the reasons are as under:-

(i) Due to declining trend of leprosy in the country, the requirement of Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) has also decreased.

(ii) Most of the contractual vertical staff existing under 2nd NLEP project was phased out after March, 2004.

(iii) Unspent balance lying with states was taken into consideration for calculating the actual amount to be released since 2004-05 onwards.

The Government has not fixed any target date for eradication of leprosy in the country. As per National Health Policy, 2002, the goal was to achieve elimination of leprosy as a public health problem (Reaching PR below 1 case per/10,000 population) at National level which was achieved in December, 2005. At present, the country is working towards further reducing the load of leprosy from the remaining States/Districts that have not achieved elimination and to sustain the same with provision of quality leprosy services from all Health Centres.

National Leprosy Eradication Programme(NLEP) is being continued with special emphasis as below :-

i) Sustaining the availability of diagnostic and treatment services to leprosy patients from all Government Health Institutions in rural and urban areas.

ii) Achieving elimination of Leprosy in remaining States, districts and blocks by providing quality Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) services with Focused attention on Endemic districts, Endemic Blocks, Endemic urban localities, Districts with high disability rate and States

with higher child proportion.

iii) Capacity Building of all categories of staff by induction and reorientation training.

iv) Increasing awareness about Leprosy among masses and Inter personal communication (IPC) to remove social stigma.

New Cases Detected and Cases on Record for Last 3 years

Sl. No.	States/ UTs	2003-04 New Cases Detected	Annual NCDR/ 10,000	Cases on record as on March	PR	2004-05 New Cases Detected	Annual NCDR/ 10,000	Cases on record as on March	PR	2005-06 New Cases Detected	Annual NCDR/ 10,000	Cases on record as on March	PR
1	Andhra Pradesh	31816	4.04	15628	1.99	18751	2.35	6323	0.79	8171	1.01	4567	0.57
2	Arunachal Pradesh	104	0.89	82	0.70	66	0.55	69	0.58	56	0.46	61	0.50
3	Assam	1331	0.47	1293	0.46	1227	0.43	1182	0.41	1176	0.41	1098	0.38
4	Bihar	65019	7.28	44351	4.97	40395	4.42	16532	1.81	25835	2.76	12166	1.30
5	Chhattisgarh	15385	7.04	12918	5.91	13110	5.90	7994	3.60	9040	4.00	4515	2.00
6	Goa	320	2.28	263	1.88	290	2.04	200	1.41	186	1.29	132	0.92
7	Gujarat	10229	1.90	6946	1.29	6900	1.26	3651	0.67	6399	1.14	4082	0.73
8	Haryana	643	0.28	477	0.21	449	0.19	423	0.18	333	0.14	388	0.16
9	Himachal Pradesh	308	0.48	275	0.43	252	0.39	241	0.37	231	0.35	205	0.31
10	Jharkhand	17719	6.19	11636	4.06	19131	6.54	7823	2.68	7357	2.47	3912	1.31
11	Jammu & Kashmir	356	0.33	366	0.34	298	0.27	348	0.31	253	0.22	292	0.26
12	Karnataka	10598	1.92	7742	1.40	7850	1.40	4921	0.88	5307	0.93	3272	0.57
13	Kerala	1891	0.58	1627	0.50	1500	0.45	1282	0.39	1159	0.35	998	0.30
14	Madhya Pradesh	12699	1.97	10329	1.60	7626	1.16	6182	0.94	6850	1.02	4932	0.73
15	Maharashtra	44192	4.30	29497	2.87	32618	3.11	16513	1.57	13844	1.29	6888	0.64
16	Manipur	53	0.21	38	0.15	41	0.15	33	0.12	45	0.17	35	0.13
17	Meghalaya	17	0.07	32	0.13	27	0.11	42	0.15	16	0.06	31	0.12
18	Mizoram	18	0.19	10	0.10	18	0.18	10	0.10	24	0.24	16	0.16
19	Nagaland	55	0.24	33	0.14	59	0.24	38	0.16	98	0.39	47	0.19
20	Orissa	21201	5.53	13382	3.49	20595	5.29	8325	2.14	8477	2.15	4177	1.06
21	Punjab	1345	0.52	1218	0.48								
22	Rajasthan	2000	0.33	2291	0.38								
23	Sikkim	47	0.80	40	0.68								
24	Tamil Nadu	16051	2.50	8868	1.38								
25	Tripura	93	0.28	92	0.28								
26	Uttar Pradesh	80072	4.50	62575	3.52								
27	Uttaranchal	1917	2.15	1226	1.37								
28	West Bengal	25050	2.97	25757	3.06								
29	A & N Islands	55	1.44	29	0.76								
30	Chandigarh	346	3.48	290	2.91								
31	D & N Haveli	616	24.38	311	12.31								
32	Daman & Diu	5	0.28	3	0.17								
33	Delhi	5362	3.48	6052	3.92								
34	Lakshadweep	4	0.63	16	2.52								
35	Pondicherry	226	2.20	88	0.85								
Total		367143	3.37	265781	2.44								

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1173	0.45	1047	0.40	1143	0.43	1084	0.41
1299	0.21	1996	0.32	1442	0.23	1479	0.23
39	0.64	26	0.43	37	0.59	36	0.58
11244	1.74	5503	0.85	6654	1.02	3919	0.60
60	0.18	47	0.14	73	0.21	83	0.24
48010	2.64	33884	1.86	36409	1.96	21761	1.17
1280	1.41	850	0.93	894	0.97	661	0.71
20891	2.44	18041	2.11	15755	1.81	10794	1.24
48	1.23	36	0.92	26	0.65	28	0.70
289	2.81	285	2.77	247	2.32	188	1.77
195	7.38	66	2.50	157	5.67	47	1.70
2	0.11	2	0.11	6	0.31	2	0.10
4221	2.64	4958	3.10	3705	2.23	3221	1.94
3	0.46	5	0.77	5	0.76	5	0.76
106	1.01	32	0.31	47	0.44	28	0.26
260063	2.34	148910	1.34	161457	1.43	95150	0.84

NCDR - New Case Detection Rate.